BOOK REVIEW

FLORA AFRICANA. South African Botanical Books 1600–1963. A selective bibliography based on the collections of the South African Public Library (with the addition of items from the Bolus Herbarium of the University of Cape Town), compiled by W. Tyrrell-Glynn, with the assistance of M. R. Levyns. Published in commemoration of the Kirstenbosch Jubilee. Cape Town, South African Public Library, 1963. (Grey Bibliographies, No. 8), (x), 77 pp., 8 pl.

This well-produced, alphabetical bibliography of 244 books and 30 series of periodicals, with annotations in English and Afrikaans, gives an enumeration of the most important publications on the flora and vegetation in two of the larger botanical library collections in Cape Town. Most of the works described have been exhibited at the S.A. Public Library in February, 1963. The list is a useful record of what *books* are locally available although it is not (and does not pretend to be) complete. No reference to papers in journals is made, except in a few cases where they are (or were) available as reprints. The bibliography is an interesting item for collectors rather than a guide for beginners or a reference work for advanced students of South African flora. But there will almost certainly be an intermediate category of botanists who will find it useful.

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